

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification at page 9 is amended; and claims 1, 5, 10 and 11 are amended. No new matter is added.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Office Action's indication that claims 5-8 contain allowable subject matter. In response, claim 5 is amended to place the claims in condition for allowance.

I. Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 was filed in the above-captioned patent application on January 14, 2002 and July 17, 2002. Applicant has not yet received from the Examiner a copy of the Form PTO-1449 initialed to acknowledge the fact that the Examiner has considered the disclosed information. The Examiner is requested to initial and return to the undersigned a copy of each of the Forms PTO-1449. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of each of the forms is attached.

II. The Specification Satisfies All Formal Requirements

The Office Action objects to the specification for informalities. In response, page 9 of the specification is amended to obviate the objection. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

III. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4 and 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent 5,706,023 to Nagata et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Nagata et al. does not disclose "a selector which, when the voltage of said data line corresponds to a positive-polarity writing during the period when the other terminal is the on-voltage, shifts the voltage of the other terminal to high after said scanning line turns off, and when the voltage of said data line corresponds to a negative-polarity writing during the period when the other terminal is the on-voltage, shifts the voltage of the other terminal to

low after said scanning line turns off," as recited in claim 1; and "a selector which selects either one of said low-level capacitor line and said high-level capacitor line depending on the voltage of a selection signal line, and applies the voltage to the other terminal of said storage capacitor," as recited in claims 5 and 10, and as similarly recited in claim 11 as a method claim. Claims 10 and 11 incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 5.

Instead, Nagata et al. discloses "applying a first modulation signal to a first wire during an off period of the switching elements associated with the first wire, and applying a second modulation signal to counter electrodes associated with the first wire during the off period of the switching elements associated with the first wire" (Abstract).

For at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 5, 10 and 11 are patentable over the applied reference. The dependent claims are likewise patentable over the applied reference for at least the reasons discussed as well as for the additional features they recite. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) be withdrawn.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-11 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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